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1. Attached is a copy of a memorandum from the Acting Secretary of State to the President recommending the establishment of an Arms Export Control Board. It is Secretary Kissinger's desire that such a Board be established: to provide a forum for the consideration of arms export control policy and to ensure the coordination of the transfer of defense equipment and services in accordance with U.S. policy. The Board, if the President approves the specifics of State's proposal, would be chaired by the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance and include the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and the Director of ACDA. The Under Secretary of the Treasury, the Associate Director of OMB, and the Administrator of AID would be members of the Board when appropriate. (DOD, Treasury and OMB feel that the Board should be composed of officials at the lower level by one notch; Treasury, OMB, and AID each to be full members of the Board and therefore prefer the Board to be outside the formal NSA structure.)

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